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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: West et al.

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Examiner: Thanh, Loan H.

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For: Systems and Methods Employing a Bite Block Insert for Positioning and Stabilizing External Instruments Deployed Within the Body

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION TO ACCEPT DELAYED PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE  
FAILURE TO PAY UNINTENTIONAL (37 CFR 1.155(c) AND 1.316(c))

1. Applicant petitions for acceptance of the issue fee for which payment was due on \_\_\_\_\_  
3 August 2006
2. This petition is filed:  
☒ (a) within one year of the issue fee due date.  
☐ (b) within three months of the date of the first decision in a petition to accept late payment of the issue fee because of unavoidable delay under 37 CFR 1.316(b).
3. The delay in payment of the issue fee was unintentional.
4. Payment of the issue fee:  
☐ has been filed.  
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